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## State of New Hampshire

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ROCKINGHAM, SS.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Newington, qualified to vote in town affairs:—

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the 12th day of March next, at twelve o'clock, noon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Superintendent of the Burying Ground, Janitor of the Town Hall, Auditors, Highway Agents, and a Library Trustee for three years.
2. To choose one Trustee for the Town Trust Fund for three years.
3. To choose Measurers of Wood, Surveyors of Lumbers, Fence Viewers, Pound Keeper, Fish and Game Warden, Police Officers, and all necessary town officers.
4. To choose one delegate to attend the State Constitutional Convention, to be holden at Concord on June 5, 1918.
5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for town expenses.
6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of highways and bridges.
7. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library.
8. To see what disposition the town will make of the town's land and buildings.
9. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of ten dollars to help the G. A. R. decorate the soldiers' and sailors' graves Memorial Day.
10. To see if the town will vote to exempt the L. H. Shattuck Inc. from taxation for a term of years.



11. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 23rd day of February, 1918.

GEORGE W. PICKERING,  
STILLMAN A. PACKARD,  
LOUIS C. BEANE,

*Selectmen of Newington*

A true copy of warrant, attest :

GEORGE W. PICKERING,  
STILLMAN A. PACKARD,  
LOUIS C. BEANE,

*Selectmen of Newington*



## **List of Town Officers**

**Elected March, 1917**

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*Town Clerk*, Lewis A. Harrison.

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor*, George W. Pickering, Stillman A. Packard, Louis C. Beane.

*Treasurer*, John J. Greenough.

*Collector of Taxes*, Hattie M. Greenough.

*Highway Agents*, Fred H. Winn, James W. Carlin, Darius Frink.

*Superintendent of Burying Ground*, Jackson M. Hoyt.

*Janitor of Town Hall*, Luther C. Pickering.

*Auditors*, James H. Coleman, Benjamin S. Hoyt.

*Library Trustee*, Hattie M. Greenough.

*Trustees of Town Trust Funds*, Stillman A. Packard, one year; William L. Furber, two years; Benjamin S. Hoyt, three years.

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**Elected November, 1916**

*Moderator*, Stillman A. Packard.

*Supervisors*, William L. Furber, Charles W. Coleman, Benjamin S. Hoyt.



## Summary of Inventory

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	No.	Valuation
Lands and buildings		\$279,690 00
Horses	114	15,325 00
Mules	1	100 00
Ponies	5	500 00
Cows	282	13,550 00
Other neat stock	15	515 00
Hogs	1	30 00
Sheep	2	10 00
Vehicles and automobiles		6,865 00
Boats and launches		2,000 00
Wood and lumber		1,200 00
Municipal bonds and notes		1,035 00
Stock in national banks in this state		2,600 00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit		4,346 00
Aqueducts		200 00
Mills and machinery		2,000 00
Stock in trade		18,800 00
Toll bridges		23,000 00
Rockingham County Light & Power Co., property		6,500 00
Number of poll, 83 ; taxes, \$166.00		
Total, exclusive of exemptions		<u>\$378,486 00</u>
Amount of taxes committed to collector, including poll taxes		\$5,881 44
Average rate per cent. of taxation for all purposes		1 48
Amount exempted to soldiers		1,000 00



## ABATEMENTS

Lorenzo D. Spinney, poll tax, paid in Portsmouth	\$2 00
George J. Davis, poll tax, paid in Portsmouth	2 00
Charles Gardner, poll tax, paid in Portsmouth	2 00
Charles Gardner, horse taxed, paid in Portsmouth	1 48
Moulton & Marshall, over valued	2 96
Five per cent. discount on taxes paid on or before October 1st, 1917	238 05
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	\$248 49



## Selectmen's Report

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### STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

State tax	\$660 00
Special state tax	88 00
County tax	780 47
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	\$1,528 47

### SCHOOL MONEY

Amount raised as per estimate of school board	\$1,687 00
Dog money on hand April 1, 1917	74 00
Literary fund	43 92
Proportion of school fund	105 00
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	\$1,909 92

### ORDERS ISSUED ON THE TREASURER BY SELECTMEN

No. 1, J. W. Carlin, removing snow after Feb. 15, 1917	\$25 40
2, W. L. Conlon & Co., insurance on Lang- don Library and books	76 00
3, Fred H. Winn, removing snow after Feb. 15, 1917	14 50
4, Darius Frink, removing snow after Feb. 15, 1917	37 30
5, John D. Randall, printing town reports 1917 and delivering same	57 30
6, Sugden Bros., glass and glazing window for town hall	1 38
7, Kewanee Utility Co., belt and labor	5 60
8, Storer Post, No. 1, G. A. R., decorating graves	10 00



No. 9,	Rockingham County Light & Power Co., current at pump house and street light	\$42 50
10,	I. B. Williams & Son., endless single she- dite belt	3 96
11,	Treasurer of school board, balance of school money for 1916	237 29
12,	Trustees of Langdon Library, part of lib- rary appropriation	100 00
13,	Rockingham County Light & Power Co., electric current supplies	17 45
14,	Chadwick & Trefethen, Rockwood pulley	2 90
15,	Albert Hislop, use of ambulance for John W. Towle	5 00
16,	Portsmouth Hospital, board and care of John W. Towle	72 00
17,	Rockingham County Light & Power Co., electric current	5 18
18,	White & Hodgdon, groceries furnished John W. Towle	4 46
19,	E. J. Rand, work on Gosling road	5 00
20,	H. H. Downing, cutting bushes in Patter- son lane	1 50
21,	E. T. Downing, cutting bushes in Patter- son lane	11 50
22,	A. R. H. Foss, printing tax bills	2 00
23,	Treasurer of school board, part of school appropriation	500 00
24,	Pryor-Davis Co., brass bibb, galvanized coupling and elbow, one nipple and one reducer	1 89
25,	Rockingham County Light & Power Co., current supply	6 12
26,	Margeson Bros., one cot and mattress, pil- lows and blankets, furnished John W. Towle	14 25



No. 27, Portsmouth Hospital, board and care of John W. Towle	\$36 00
28, W. D. Newick, three days' work on Gos- ling road	15 00
29, Beth H. Rand, balance of library appropri- ation	25 00
30, Kewanee Utility Co., plunger leathers and packing	1 92
31, Dr. S. T. Ladd, for professional services for John W. Towle	92 00
32, Estate J. W. Coleman, work on town roads	30 00
33, Fred H. Winn, one-third highway appro- priation	150 00
34, Rockingham County Light & Power Co., electric current	7 61
35, Muchemore & Rider Co., two gallons am- ber oil	80
36, Darius Frink, highway appropriation	87 75
37, Cyrus Frink, work on town roads	25 00
38, J. B. Williams & Sons, belt for water works	3 67
39, Rockingham County Light & Power Co., electric current	6 35
40, Sugden Bros., lumber and cement	11 36
41, S. A. Packard, treasurer of school board, part school appropriation	400 00
42, J. W. Carkin, highway appropriation	106 00
43, N. H. Beane & Co., clothes furnished J. W. Towle	19 15
44, Chadwick & Trefethen, six cup leathers, at twenty-five cents each	1 50
45, W. I. Trafton & Son, labor, transportation and material furnished for pump	12 20
46, Estate A. Thurston Parker, for burial of J. W. Towle	58 00



No. 47, Rockingham County Light & Power Co., electric current	\$5 43
48, J. H. Coleman, labor on town road	22 50
49, W. L. Furber, services as supervisor at two elections	10 00
50, B. S. Hoyt, services as supervisor at two elections	10 00
51, J. M. Hoyt, services as superintendent of burying ground, \$10; services as sex- ton of church, \$20; hauling seven cords of wood to library, \$5.25; sawing and housing three cords at \$1 per cord for library, \$3; sawing and housing four cords at \$1.25 per cord for meeting house, \$5; chopping one-half cord at \$2 per cord, \$1; time and material for re- pairs on cellar door of meeting house, \$2; opening grave for J. W. Towle, \$3	49 25
52, Thomas Newick, three days' work on Gos- ling road at \$2.50 per day	7 50
53, Hoyt & Dow, tax collector's book, order books and stationery	6 49
54, Fred H. Winn, winter work on road	3 00
55, J. H. Coleman, work on water works	10 35
56, John J. Greenough, services as town treas- urer, \$20; postage, \$1.79	21 79
57, L. Albert Pickering, sawing and cutting twelve cords of wood at 60c. per cord, \$7.20; sawing and piling another lot, fifteen hours at 20c. per hour, \$3	10 20
58, Luther Pickering, hauling twelve cords of wood at \$1 per cord	12 00
59, S. A. Packard, treasurer of school board, balance of school money	977 92



No. 60, S. A. Packard, services as selectman, \$20; care of water works, \$18.50; repairing water pump, \$10; time and ex- pense to Dover and packing for pump, \$2; services as board of health, \$1	\$51 50
61, G. W. Pickering, cleaning snow from high- way	8 50
62, L. C. Beane, services as selectman, \$20; hens killed by dogs, \$35; one gallon of cylinder oil, 35c.	55 35
63, Lewis A. Harrison, services as town clerk, \$15; compiling vital statistics, postage and stationery, \$3	18 00
64, J. W. Carkin, removing snow, winter ac- count, 1917 and 1918	24 00
65, G. W. Pickering, work on town road	25 23
66, C. W. Coleman, supervisor of two elec- tions	10 00
67, G. W. Pickering, services as selectman, \$30; postage, \$1.23; Kewanee Utility Co., four rubbers for pump and post- age, \$1.11; Muchemore Rider Co., drain pipe, oil, glass and putty, \$3.24; Chadwick & Trefethen, flange, .21; cleaning stove pipe at town hall, \$1; one day at water works, \$2; erecting booths at town hall, \$1; one-half day's work on Gosling road, \$1.25; tele- phone service, \$1.50; oil and putting lights on culvert, November 11, 12, 13, 14, 1917, \$1	42 54
68, Hattie M. Greenough, services as tax col- lector, \$50; postage, \$1.27	51 27
69, Trustees of town trust funds, interest on DeMerritt fund	6 00



No. 70, B. S. Hoyt, auditor	\$2 00
71, Rockingham County Light & Power Co., electric current	13 18
Total	<u>\$3,803 79</u>

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### STATE HIGHWAY ORDERS

A1, Joseph Mott	\$53 00
A2, William A. Grover	314 25
A3, J. Howard Knox	26 50
A4, York State Road Hone Co.	30 00
A5, G. W. Pickering, repairing railing and raking stone	3 75
	<u>\$427 50</u>

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### TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

Joseph Mott	\$30 50
William A. Grover	314 25
J. Howard Knox	24 00
G. W. Pickering	3 75
	<u>\$372 50</u>

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### STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Joseph Mott	\$22 50
J. Howard Knox	2 50
	<u>\$25 00</u>

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Total amount of state highway orders	\$427 50
Town appropriation for state highway	\$1,547 89



Total amount of all orders issued		\$4,231 29
State tax	\$748 00	
County tax	780 47	
	<hr/>	\$1,528 47
Total amount expended		<hr/> \$5,759 76

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### TOWN TRUST FUNDS

S. D. F. DeMerritt cemetery trust fund	\$200 00
Woodbury Langdon library trust fund	1,000 00
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	\$1,200 00

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Cash on hand January 31, 1918	\$1,428 87
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The foregoing is a true statement of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending January 31, 1918.

GEORGE W. PICKERING,  
STILLMAN A. PACKARD,  
LOUIS C. BEANE,

*Selectmen of Newington.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JAMES H. COLEMAN,  
BENJAMIN S. HOYT,

*Auditors.*



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## Treasurer's Report

### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand February 15, 1917	\$282 85
Railroad tax	215 10
Savings bank tax	687 09
Literary fund	43 92
Proportion of school fund	105 00
Rent of town house	1 00
Rent of town hall	25 60
John F. Hoyt, water from February 15, 1917, to February 1, 1918	18 00
Account of John W. Towle	12 50
One cemetery lot	25 00
Dog license	78 40
L. C. Pickering, two cords of wood	5 00
Mrs. Drown, two cords of wood	5 00
Mary C. Dame, two cords of wood	5 00
J. W. Carlin, two cords of wood	5 00
Abbie and Mary Frink, two cords of wood	5 00
S. A. Packard, one cord of wood	2 50
W. D. Newick, one cord of wood	2 50
Balance of taxes, estate of Eva Scott, 1915-1916	15 31
Collector of taxes	5,632 95
Ten per cent. interest on taxes	12 03
Poll tax not listed	2 00
George W. Pickering, six feet of wood	1 88
	\$7,188 63



## PAYMENTS

State tax	\$660 00
Special state tax	88 00
County tax	780 47
Orders of selectmen, state highway	427 50
Orders of selectmen	3,803 79
Cash on hand January 31, 1918	1,428 87
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	\$7,188 63

JOHN J. GREENOUGH,

*Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JAMES H. COLEMAN,  
BENJAMIN S. HOYT,

*Auditors.*



## Highways

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### REPORT OF FRED H. WINN HIGHWAY AGENT, 1917

William D. Newick	\$55 00
John J. Greenough	34 75
Edwin J. Rand	1 50
Albion S. Garland	47 50
Fred H. Winn	11 25
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	\$150 00

### WINTER WORK TO JANUARY 31, 1918

John J. Greenough	\$3 00
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### REMOVING SNOW AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1917

Albion H. Garland	\$2 00
Ralph Garland	2 00
Edwin J. Rand	2 00
John J. Greenough	2 00
Thomas Newick	3 25
William D. Newick	3 25
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	\$14 50

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### REPORT OF JAMES W. CARKIN HIGHWAY AGENT, 1917

Albion Garland	\$15 00
Darius Frink	30 00
S. A. Packard	5 00
Cyrus Frink	10 00



J. H. Coleman	\$10 00
J. D. Kelley	2 50
Albert Pickering	7 50
Joseph Stopford	7 50
James W. Carlin	18 50
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	\$106 00

## WINTER ACCOUNT TO JANUARY 31, 1918

Hiram Goss	\$1 20
James W. Carlin	4 80
George Tuck	18 00
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	\$24 00

## REMOVING SNOW AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1917

Hiram Goss	\$1 80
J. Brackett Pickering	2 20
John E. Hodgdon	4 60
Cyrus Frink	5 00
J. W. Carlin	9 00
Philip Bennett	1 40
W. L. Furber	1 40
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	\$25 40

REPORT OF DARIUS FRINK,  
HIGHWAY AGENT, 1917

Howard Knox	\$13 75
Estate of J. W. Coleman	11 00
Stillman A. Packard	11 00
Jackson M. Hoyt	10 00
Joseph Stopford	10 00
Ralph Coleman	2 50
Darius Frink	29 50
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	\$87 75

## REMOVING SNOW AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1917

Charles Bridges	\$1 00
Everett Davis	1 00
B. S. Hoyt	5 30
Darius Frink	8 75
C. W. Coleman	50
Estate of J. W. Coleman	50
J. M. Hoyt	2 00
Ralph Coleman	4 50
J. H. Knox	6 25
Myles Watson	2 00
J. W. Whidden	3 50
Joseph Mott	2 00
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	\$37 30

REPORT OF G. W. PICKERING,  
REMOVING SNOW TO JANUARY 31, 1918

Ralph Coleman	\$1 50
Norman Beane	1 50
S. Allen Packard	1 50
Wendell Coleman	1 50
Earl Coleman	2 50
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	\$8 50

REPORT OF G. W. PICKERING,  
ON HON. WOODBURY LANGDON APPROPRIATION

Joseph Mott	\$15 00
J. W. Carkin	46 88
S. A. Packard	29 60
J. B. Pickering	41 25
Darius Frink	35 00
J. H. Knox	17 50
R. G. Coleman	62 00
G. W. Pickering	2 77
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	\$250 00



## PAID FROM TOWN TREASURY

Estate of J. W. Coleman	\$30 00
Cyrus Frink	25 00
J. H. Coleman	22 50
G. W. Pickering	25 23
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	\$102 73

## Report of Trustees of Cemetery

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### RECEIVED

From selectmen, interest on DeMerritt fund	\$6 00
Portsmouth Savings bank, interest on DeMerritt fund	1 67
Portsmouth Savings bank, interest on Caldwell fund	5 32
Portsmouth Savings bank, interest on H. P. Newton fund	3 96
Portsmouth Savings bank, interest on Mary E. Frink fund	2 22
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	\$19 17

### PAID

Jackson M. Hoyt, taking care of lots	\$4 00
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### DEMANDS IN FAVOR OF CEMETERY

DeMerritt fund left to town	\$200 00
Interest on DeMerritt fund in savings bank	54 94
Caldwell fund with interest in savings bank	155 41
H. P. Newton fund with interest in savings bank	115 47
Mary E. Frink fund with interest in savings bank	65 07
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	\$590 89

BENJAMIN S. HOYT,  
STILLMAN A. PACKARD,  
WILLIAM L. FURBER,

*Trustees of Cemetery.*



## Dog Account

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Number of dogs licensed, thirty-eight		
Four females, at \$5.00 each		\$20 00
Thirty-four males, at \$2.00 each		68 00
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		\$88 00
Clerk's fees	\$7 60	
Collecting from delinquents	2 00	
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		\$78 40

### BILLS PAID

Louis C. Beane, twenty-eight hens		\$35 00
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Amount of dog money on hand		\$43 40

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## Insurance on Town Property

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Policies on town hall, school house and church expire January 1, 1920.

Policy on public library and books expires March 15, 1920.

Policy on old parsonage house, barn and road machine, expires March 1, 1918.

## School Report

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Newington:*

We herewith submit the annual report of the Newington School Board.

This last Fall (1917), a change was made in the teacher in charge of the grammar school. Miss Eunice Ransom resigned in June (1917) to teach in her own home town and Miss Ruth Seaver from Keene, a Normal School graduate, was elected to take her place. The primary school has been in charge of Miss Abbie N. Frink, as for the past few years. Mr. Carl Cotton has superintended the schools and Miss Lucy Hoyt has taught the music. All have worked faithfully for the schools.

The work is along the same lines as in previous years with the addition of the junior high school work. To date we have introduced elementary science and concrete geometry. We expect to add cooking for the girls in the Spring term.

A new flag-pole was erected in front of the school. During the summer the school-rooms were freshly painted. The hot lunches are served during the winter months at the discretion of the teachers.

We cordially urge the parents to visit the schools as often as possible, that their interest thus displayed may encourage both teacher and pupil to added effort in the work and welfare of the schools.

MARION CHASE HOWARD,  
CHARLES W. COLEMAN,  
EDITH N. HODGDON.



# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NEWINGTON SCHOOL BOARD

For the year ending July 15, 1917

## RECEIPTS

School money on hand July 15, 1916	\$35 57	
Amount required by law	720 00	
Amount additional voted, \$350, of which treasurer received	112 71	
Amount for text book supplies	75 00	
Amount voted for high school tuition, \$480 (less \$39.40 paid last year)	440 60	
Amount for school officers' salaries	32 00	
Dog tax on hand April 1, 1916	65 80	
From state literary fund	40 02	
State aid, average attendance	57 00	
State aid, qualified teachers	152 00	
From state, one-half of superintendent's salary	118 75	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,849 45

## EXPENDITURES

Carl Cotton, superintendent	\$237 50
Eunice E. Ransom, teaching thirty-eight weeks	471 00
Abbie N. Frink, teaching thirty-eight weeks	471 00
Lucy M. Hoyt, teaching music	38 00
Wesley Packard, janitor	55 00
Naomi Tetherly, cleaning schoolhouse	13 20
Nellie Pace, cleaning schoolhouse	3 20
M. C. Howard, broom	70
F. S. Newton & Co., repairs on ceiling	9 95
Muchemore & Rider Co., door set and ropes	2 38
Pryor-Davis Co., sandpaper	2 00
Williams & Wilkins Co., two books	3 00

Charles E. Merrill Co., text books	\$6 73
J. L. Hammett Co., school supplies	4 19
Sugden Bros., lumber for manual training	3 52
Edward E. Babb, school supplies	6 20
Milton Bradly, school supplies	11 93
Rovo Peterson Co., books	17 39
Little Brown & Co., text books	8 22
Luther C. Pickering, labor on house, \$1.50; hall, 75c.	2 25
Carl Cotton, stamps, envelopes, notary pub- lic fee	1 30
J. H. Coleman, repairs on chair	75
Arthur B. Duncan, repairs on clock	75
Salary of school board—	
Laura E. Frink	10 00
Marion Chase Howard	4 00
Charles W. Coleman	4 00
Stillman A. Packard, treasurer	10 00
Mary Frink, clerk	2 00
Jackson M. Hoyt, moderator	1 00
Benjamin S. Hoyt, auditor	1 00
James N. Pringle, high school tuition	460 00
Norman Beane	40 00
Edward L. Berkeley	20 00
Jessie Coleman	40 00
Ralph Garland	40 00
Frances Howard	40 00
Francis Graham	40 00
Viola C. Hoyt	40 00
S. Allen Packard	40 00
Charles Pickering	40 00
Agnes P. Tuck	40 00
Albert S. Tuck	40 00
Grace L. Tuck	40 00
	<hr/> \$1,862 16



Total balance on hand July 15, 1917, for school, \$6.69.

Total deficit on high school money, \$19.40.

We recommend the town raise \$650 for high school tuition.

MARION CHASE HOWARD,  
CHARLES W. COLEMAN,  
EDITH N. HODGDON.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Newington School Board and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

BENJAMIN S. HOYT.

## Report of Superintendent of Schools

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*To the Newington School Board:*

I respectfully submit my fourth annual report as superintendent of your schools.

The work of bringing the schools up to their present standard has been the result of the combined efforts of a number of school superintendents. In some respects our schools are strong. The system has absorbed and benefitted by a card accounting of admissions, discharges and promotions, a perpetual inventory of supplies, a system of monthly reporting on the subject matter taught and attendance, the returns from the monthly attendance, a uniform course of study and the teaching aids incidental to it, bulletins directing the teachers relative to their methods and duties and monthly letters concerning professional matters and school welfare together with circulars to the school board on those matters which are salient for a businesslike administration of the schools. Frequent tests have been given the subject matter taught in the schools so as to obtain a quick judgment on the merits of the general work, to test the efficiency of the pupils and teachers and thus secure an adequate basis for supervision. Teachers' meetings have been held from time to time for the purpose of emphasizing important movements in education, instructing the force in regard to the best methods and details of instruction and creating initiative and professional spirit on the part of the teachers.

*Testing.* In last year's report I outlined a method of testing the subject matter of the school room so as to secure an adequate basis for supervision as before mentioned.

*Arithmetic.* The results of the tests in arithmetic disclosed that the method of teaching is quite consistent in the



fundamental processes although not quite so efficient in drill as the standards derived by testing several thousand children. Our averages and the standard averages came very close together in division. The conclusion drawn is that we are securing better results in process work than in drill. Emphasis upon process work doubtless tended to strengthen the reasoning processes which are involved in division.

A comparison of the scores in arithmetic this fall with the fall of a year ago showed that the average work was the same or better. The change in the course of study in the seventh and eighth grades has in no way affected the ability of the pupils to do the standardized problems. Special weakness continues to be shown in addition. More drill is being called for in this subject.

*Reading.* Tests were given in December and again in May. The standardized scores were derived from tests given in the spring. A tendency was shown for reading to break down in the fifth grade. Without doubt this was due to too many changes in the style of teaching reading and improper phonic drill. There was too much reading aloud for content. More individual attention has been given to slow readers and those who understand and comprehend poorly. Physical and mental defects of individual children have been examined and proper remedies applied.

In the upper grades oral reading at sight is done only in incidental work such as reading the arithmetic example or from sources in geography or history. Rapidity in sight reading tends to improve the oral reading but oral reading as a studied exercise must be motivated better. There should be a careful study of the selection for a proper interpretation and some drill in rendering it before the selection is read to the class. The reader is called upon to hold the attention of the class so that the pupils may afterward tell the substance of the matter read.

A comparison of the fall scores with the spring scores

shows that much improvement was made by the teachers in this subject.

*Composition.* The results of the second series of tests showed much improvement over the first series given. The improvement was commensurate for all grades.

*Spelling.* The tests in spelling and writing were treated in like manner. All of the pupils of a class in spelling who scored ninety-five per cent or above were excused from spelling for a time and the lesson given over to the lower portion of the class. In writing all of those who sustained an average above sixty on the Ayer's scale were excused from special attention leaving the hand to develop naturally. The teachers were required to watch for deterioration and allow no slovenly work in any subject to be passed.

*High School Subjects.* With the new course of study in force opportunity is afforded in the seventh and eighth graded for a change in the methods of teaching and a chance is opened for the semi-rural conditions to touch the lives of the children. Cultural opportunities are equally well afforded by instruction in domestic arts and the industries as by instruction in mathematics and the languages. There is no intention to neglect the latter subjects when they are found valuable and when stripped of their useless formalities. A solution of the problems involved in human life is rightly said to be more important than the creation of a high intellectual state for its own sake. Practical subjects develop the individual and social welfare the same as Latin or mathematics. High ideals and ambitions are simulated by these subjects and when properly taught, they afford the same possibilities for intellectual growth.

The courses in concrete geometry and general science have met with good success this year. Another year there seems to be no reason why we may not offer a course in French in the eighth grade.

In submitting this report it is a pleasure to express my



appreciation of the considerate and businesslike manner in which the School Board has cooperated with me in my work and conducted all matters.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL COTTON,

*District Superintendent.*

Portsmouth, N. H., February 17, 1918.

# SCHOOL STATISTICS—1917-1918

## (I)

School and Teacher	No. Weeks	Boys	Girls	Average Attendance	Tardy	Per Cent Attendance
Grammar, Eunice E. Ransom	38	19	9	20.	40	90.13
Primary, Abbie M. Frink	38	10	15	15.72	8	89.77

Visits by Superintendent, 54; by Board, 26; by Citizens, 135.

## (II)

### PROMOTION AND RETARDATION—JUNE, 1917

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Pupils promoted	4	3	7	8	5	6	1	9
Pupils not promoted for two years			1					



### COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR FIVE YEARS

	1916-17	1915-16	1914-15	1913-14	1912-13
No. pupils registered	53	50	39	37	36
Average membership	39	48	35	33	29
Average attendance	35	45	31	28	26
Cases tardiness	48	51	51	39	169
Per cent. attendance	90.	91.	91.	90.	91.

(IV)

# ENROLLMENT BY GRADES—FALL 1917

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## Langdon Public Library

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### TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

*To the Citizens of Newington:*

Your Library Trustees herewith submit their financial report, also the Librarian's report, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917.

We are very grateful to the kind friends who have presented the library with many of the best magazines; also to those who have contributed specimens for the nature table.

Mrs. Langdon's annual donation of books was, as usual, most heartily received, and we truly appreciate her interest in the library.

As the need of a typewriter was felt very strongly, one was purchased for a very reasonable amount, and will prove a source of great help to the librarian for a good many years.

We extend our thanks to Mr. Langdon, who very generously donated the sum of ten dollars to the Red Triangle in behalf of the library.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the library was observed on Sept. 19, 1917.

Very interesting exercises were held at the church, when after the address of welcome by Rev. J. H. Gould, the speakers, Rev. Don I. Patch, of Beverly, former pastor here, Prof. Ernest R. Groves of New Hampshire college, and Mr. and Mrs. Albertus Dudley of Exeter, gave us some interesting talks on subjects relative to and helpful in the library work.

Mrs. Catherine Badger favored us with vocal solos, assisted by Mrs. Winnie Pinkham at the organ.

Light refreshments were served at the library after the exercises.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## CASH RECEIVED

Cash on hand December 31, 1916	\$109 34	
Interest on Langdon fund	60 00	
Required state tax	15 00	
Town appropriation	50 00	
Interest on Portsmouth city bond	40 00	
Interest on Baltimore & Ohio railroad bond	45 00	
Interest on B. F. Webster fund	5 85	
Received for old magazines	1 60	
Received for five pounds of crackers	2 25	
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		\$329 04

## CASH EXPENDED

Librarian's services	\$120 00	
Rent of deposit box	1 50	
John G. Sweetser, work on roof	3 35	
Truckage on magazine rack	2 00	
Magazine rack	30 00	
Typewriter	65 00	
Cards and book slips	22 25	
S. A. Schurman & Son, lawn mower	7 00	
Expenses of speakers at anniversary	5 30	
Specialty shop, crackers, etc.	6 60	
Freight, express and stamps	9 60	
Magazine renewals	29 00	
War Library fund	4 80	
Book bought with interest on B. F. Webster fund	5 85	
Wendall Coleman, shoveling snow	3 00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1917	13 79	
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		\$329 04

BETH H. RAND,  
MARGARETTE B. HARRISON,  
HATTIE M. GREENOUGH,

*Board of Trustees.*



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

*To the Trustees of Langdon Library:*

I present the following report for the year ending Dec.  
31, 1917—

## GIFTS

Mrs. Langdon	134 volumes
Mrs. Langdon. Vogue Magazine	1 year
Mrs. Langdon. House Beautiful	1 year
Webster fund	4 volumes
Dr. B. T. Prescott. Century Magazine	1 year
Mrs. E. G. Hoyt. American Magazine	1 year
Mrs. E. G. Hoyt. Good Housekeeping	1 year
Mrs. A. R. Beane. Woman's Home Companion	1 year
Mrs. A. R. Beane. McCall's Magazine	1 year
Miss Law. Humane Review	1 year
Mr. Watson. Hoard's Dairy-Man	1 year
Randolph Beane. American Boy	1 year
Randolph Beane. Boy's Life	
Mr. Eliot. Christian Register	1 year
Reapers' Circle. Ladies' Home Journal	1 year
Piscataqua Grange. Popular Mechanics	1 year
Mrs. W. H. Howard. Outlook and Literary Digest (loaned)	1 year
Miss Helen Gerrish. National Geographic Magazine	
Miss Pauline Knox. Magazines	
Miss Doris Beane. Magazines	
Mrs. C. H. Coleman. Magazines and specimens	
Mrs. Annie Pickering. Specimens given and loaned	
Mrs. T. E. Prior. Specimens	
Eddy Fund. Christian Science Journal and Christian Science Sentinel	
State of New Hampshire. Seven books and reports	
Reports of Library of Congress, Interstate Commerce Commission, New Hampshire College, Dover, Rochester, Laconia, Eliot, Me., and Leicester, Mass.	

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Borrowers registered to date	632
Visitors registered to date	1,656
Visitors during year	70
Total attendance for year	1,679
Average daily attendance	17
Total circulation for year	3,225
Average daily circulation	35
Number of afternoons open for circulation	99
Number of evenings open for circulation	47
Number of books issued during year	2,373
Number of periodicals issued during year	852
Largest monthly issue, January	
Smallest monthly issue, July	

## CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION

General works	140
Philosophy	11
Religion	17
Sociology	40
Philology	14
Natural science	84
Useful arts	46
Fine arts	48
Literature	72
History, travel and biography	221
Fiction	1,157
Periodicals	852

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE LOUISE BEANE,

*Librarian*

## Supplement to Catalogue

### PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE READING TABLE

World's Work, Travel, American, Garden, Harper's, Delineator, Vogue, Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, Woman's Home Companion, St. Nicholas, House Beautiful, Independent, Christian Science Journal, Christian Science Sentinel, Christian Register, McCall's, Little Folks, Youth's Companion, Outing, Popular Mechanics, National Geographic, American Boy, Boy's Life, Outlook, Literary Digest.

### PHILOSOPHY—100

Bennett, A. How to Live on Twenty-Four Hours a Day 170—B439h

### RELIGION—200

Gordon, G. A. Aspects of the Infinite Mystery 200—G6551

Olcott, J. F. Bible Stories to Read and Tell 220—O111

Fiske, J. Myths and Myth Makers 291—F547

### SOCIOLOGY—300

Taft, W. H. Present Day Problems 320—T125p

Taylor, W. L. The Man Behind the Bars 365—T219

Serl, E. In Fableland j398—Se67i

### NATURAL SCIENCE—500

Osborn, H. F. Man of the Old Stone Age 571.1—Os11

Beard, D. American Boys' Book of Bugs, Butterflies  
and Beetles j595—B38am

Roberts, C. G. D. The Secret Trails j596—R541se

### USEFUL ARTS—600

Howard, W. L. How to Live Long 613—H837

Tappan, E. M. Diggers in the Earth j622—T165

Roberts, I. P. Ten Acres Enough 630—R542t

Tappan, E. M. The Farmer and His Friends j630—T165

Tappan, E. M. Makers of Many Things j680—T165

Husband, J. The Story of the Pullman Car 698—H95

### FINE ARTS—700

Wilder, L. B. My Garden 716.2—W645



Adams, H. M. When Mother Lets Us Model	j730—Ad183
Krehbiel, H. E. How to Listen to Music	780—K872
Balch, E. Amateur Circus Life	j791—B1891
Hofman, M. C. Games for Every One	793—H677

## LITERATURE—800

Benson, C. A. Along the Road	804—B443a
Judd, M. C. Wigwam Stories	j808—J883w
Wiley, B. Mewanee	j808—W687
Wiley, B. For Thy Cheer	811—F113
Knowles, F. L. A Treasury of Humorous Poetry	811—K762t
Page, C. H. Chief American Poets	811—P141
Noyes, A. Poems	821—N874
Service, R. W. Rhymes of a Red Cross Man	821—Se69
Neilson, W. A. Chief Elizabethan Dramatists	822.3—N317

## HISTORY—Tr.—Bio.—900

Choate, J. American Addresses	904—C451
King, H. C. It's All in a Day's Work	914—K582
Dickens, Mamie. My Father as I Recall Him	B—D555
Foster, J. The Life of Charles Dickens. Two Vols.	B—D555
Frohman, D. and Marcossan, I. Charles Frohman, Manager and Man	B—F923
Muir, J. The Story of My Boyhood and Youth	B—M896s
Grenfell, W. T. Adrift on an Ice-Pan	B—G845a
Keyser, H. A. Bishop Potter	B—P853
Wharton, A. H. Martha Washington	B—W277m
Curtin, D. T. The Land of the Deepening Shadow	940.9—C94
Davis, R. H. With the Allies	940.9—D297w
Gerard, J. W. My Four Years in Germany	940.9—G3121m
Hall, J. N. Kitchener's Mob	940.9—H143
Hay, I. The First Hundred Thousand	940.9—H322f
Hay, I. Getting Together	940.9—H322g
Huard, F. W. My Home on the Field of Honor	940.9—H86
Calkins & Curran. Canada's Wonderful Northwest	971—C936
Shackleton, R. The Book of Boston	974.46—Sh11
Muir, J. A Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf	976—M896
Young, S. H. Alaska Days with John Muir	979.8—Y88
Bryce, J. South America	980—B843
Anderson, I. The Spell of the Hawaiian Islands	996.9—An24
Gerould, K. Hawaii	996.9—G319h

## FICTION

Adams, S. H. The Unspeakable Perk	Ad1911u
Andrews, M. R. S. Old Glory	An261o
Austin, M. The Basket Woman	jAu761b
Bailey, Temple. The Glory of Youth	B155g
Bartlett, F. O. The Wall Street Girl	B2841w
Beach, R. Rainbows End	B353ra
Bindloss, H. Coast of Adventure	B511co
Bosher, K. L. People Like That	B65pe
Burnett, F. H. Children's Book	jB934ch
Bryant, S. C. Stories to Tell to the Littlest Ones	jB8411st
Bacheller, I. The Hand-Made Gentleman	B123hm
Bojer, J. The Power of a Lie	B637p
Carpenter, E. C. The Cinderella Man	C2251c
Chase, M. E. The Girl from the Big Horn Country	jC3861g
Churchill, W. The Far Country	C475fa
Churchill, W. Mr. Crewe's Career	C475Mr
Crawford, F. M. A Lady of Rome	C857La
Crawford, F. M. The Prima Donna	C857pr
Cutting, M. S. Just for Two	C982j
Day, H. Blow the Man Down	D331bl
Delano, E. B. June	jD374j
DeMorgan, W. Joseph Vance	D397j
Dillon, M. In Old Bellaire	D587i
Dix, B. M. Blith McBride	jD63b
Dodge, H. I. Skinner's Dress Suit	D6441s
Dodge, L. Bonnie May	D6642b
Glasgow, E. The Romance of a Plain Man	G462r
Glaspell, S. The Glory of the Conquered	G4631g
Gould, E. L. Cap'n Gid	G7311c
Grant, R. The Chippendales	G7671c
Grey, Z. Wildfire	G869w
Harland, H. The Royal End	H2261t
Hay, I. Scally	H322Sc
Henry, O. The Voice of the City	H3962v
Hueston, E. Prudence Says So	H871pr
Ives, S. N. The Key to Betsy's Heart	jIv3k
Johnston, A. F. Georginna of the Rainbows	jJ62g
Johnson, M. The Long Roll	J6251o
Kingsley, F. M. The Star of Love	K6141s
Laughlin, C. E. Everybody's Birthright	L369ev
Lee, J. Unfinished Portraits	L513un

Lincoln, J. C.	Mary 'Gusta	L638mg
Lippman, J.	The Governess	L667go
McFarlane, P. C.	Held to Answer	M164h
Mallock, W. H.	An Immortal Soul	M2961i
Miller, A. D.	Come Out of the Kitchen	M612c
Mills, W. J.	Through the Gates of Old Romance	M629t
Mitchell, S. W.	Autobiography of a Quack	M695au
Oppenheim, E. P.	The Missioner	Op5mi
Paine, A. B.	Hollow Tree Days and Nights	jP161dn
Parrish, R.	Beth Norvell	P249b
Perkins, L. F.	The Cave Twins	jP419t
Piper, M. R.	Sylvia of the Hilltop	jP661s
Porter, E. H.	Just David	jP833j
Porter, E. H.	Six Star Ranch	jP833s
Quick, H.	The Brown Mouse	Qu4b
Rinehart, M. R.	Tish	R472t
Robinson, E. H.	Man Proposes	R562m
Rose, W.	The Tin Owl Stories	jR72t
Sedgwick, A. D.	Franklin Winslow Kane	Se24f
Sherwood, M.	The Worn Doorstep	Sh58w
Sinclair, B. W.	Big Timber	Si611b
Smith, E. B.	In the Land of Make Believe	jSm55i
Smith, F. H. and F. B.	Enoch Crane	Sm56en
Speadman, F. H.	Nan of Music Mountain	Sp31n
Tarkington, B.	Penrod and Sam	jT174s
Taylor, C. K.	Real Letters of a Real Boy	jT213r
Thurston, I. T.	Billy Burns of Troop 5	jT427ob
Thurston, K. C.	The Masquerader	T4271m
Tompkins, J. W.	Seeds of the Righteous	T599s
	Overland Red	Un410
Van Dyke, H.	Days Off	V288d
Van Dyke, H.	The Lost Boy	V288L
Walker, A. P.	Told by the Sandman	jW15ot
Ward, Mrs. H.	Lady Connie	W212Lc
Wells, H. G.	Mr. Britling Sees It Through	W462om
Widdemer, M.	Why Not?	W634w







# Vital Statistics of the Town of Newington, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1917

## BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Condition	Number	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color Parent	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
February 15	Newington	Kennith Summers Ellingwood	M	L	2	w	Austin P. Ellingwood	Delphina Summers	w	Newington	Locomotive Fireman	Winterport, Me.	Jefferson, N. H.
July 29	Newington	Joseph Mott, Jr.	M	L	1	w	Joseph Mott	Minnie Meloon	w	Newington	Farmer	Manchester, N. H.	Deerfield, N. H.
September 12	Newington	Charles Henry Staples	M	L	1	w	Everett W. Staples	Mildred E. Dame	w	Newington	Bottler	Portsmouth, N. H.	Newington
September 20	Newington	— Gardner	M	L	7	c	Charles Gardner	Thirsa Marr	c	Newington	Farmer	Virginia	Augusta, Me.
October 5	Newington	John Nalevske	M	L	6	w	Joe Nalevske	Georgie Siwlk	w	Newington	Farmer	Russia Poland	Russia Poland
October 26	Newington	Edith E. Cousins	F	L	6	c	William J. Cousins	Sadie A. Gardner	c	Boston, Mass.	Janitor	Philadelphia, Pa.	Amesbury, Mass.

## MARRIAGES

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
July 23	Portsmouth, N. H.	Willis Hadley Hoyt	Newington	21	w	Prop. of Gen. Store	Newington	Jackson M. Hoyt	Newington	Farmer	1	William P. Stanley, Clergyman, Portsmouth, N. H.
		Mabel Culver Young	Portsmouth, N. H.	20	w	Student	St. Albans, Vt.	Mary S. Pickering Leon G. Young Cora E. Culver	Newington St. Albans, Vt. St. Albans, Vt.	Housewife Clerk Housewife	1	

## DEATHS

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Mar	Wid	Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death
			Years	Months	Days									
January 1	Newington	Mary E. Stewart	71	2	4	F	w	w						Val Ht Dis & Brt's Dis
September 27	Portsmouth, N. H.	John W. Towle	82	5		M	w	s	Farmer					Arterio Sclerosis
September 28	Newington	Marion T. Howard	78	3	26	F	w	w						Broncho Pneumonia
November 11	Portsmouth, N. H.	Annie M. Towle	67	7		F	w	s						Chronic Myocarditis
November 12	Newington	Margaret M. Wyatt	23	7	13	F	w	M				Daniel White	Nora Kuran	Fractured base of skull

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

LEWIS A. HARRISON, *Town Clerk.*











